Fukui (city)

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Coordinates: 36°3′50.6″N 136°13′10.5″E

For other uses, see Fukui (disambiguation).

Fukui (福井市, *Fukui-shi*) is the capital city of Fukui Prefecture, Japan. As of 1 July 2018, the city had an estimated population of 264,217, and a population density of 69.2 persons per km², in 102,935 households.[1] Its total area is 536.41 square kilometres (207.11 sq mi). Most of the population lives in a small central area; the city limits include rural plains, mountainous areas, and suburban sprawl along the Route 8 bypass.

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History [edit source]

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Origins [edit source]

Fukui was part of ancient Echizen Province.

Sengoku Period [edit source]

In 1471, Asakura had displaced the Shiba clan as the *shugo* military commander of Echizen Province.[2] The same year, Asakura Toshikage (1428–1481) fortified the Ichijōdani by constructing hilltop fortifications on the surrounding mountains and constructing walls and gates to seal off the northern and southern end of the valley. Within this area, he contracted a fortified mansion, surrounded by the homes of his relatives and retainers, and eventually by the residences of merchants and artisans, and Buddhist temples. He offered refuge to people of culture or skills from Kyoto attempting to escape the conflict of the Ōnin War, and the Ichijōdani became a major cultural, military, and population center, and by the time of Asakura Takakage (1493–1548) it had a peak population of over 10,000 inhabitants. Yoshikage succeeded his father as head of the Asakura clan and castle lord of Ichijōdani Castle in 1548.[3][4]

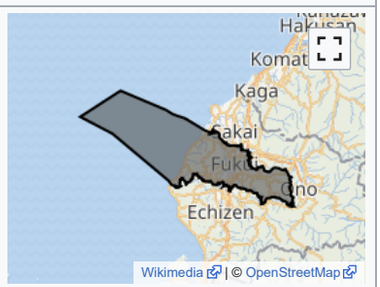
Fukui
福井市

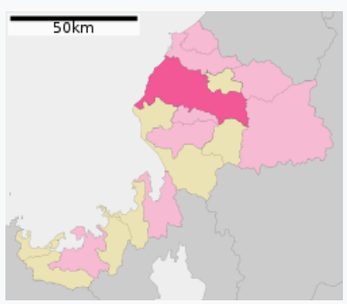
Core city

From top left: Ichijōdani Asakura Family Historic Ruins, Kitanosho Castle, Fukui Castle and Fukui Prefectural Government, Cherry trees along the Asuwa River, Echizen-Kaga Kaigan Quasi-National Park

Flag

Seal





Location of Fukui in Fukui Prefecture

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Country	Japan
Region	Chūbu (Hokuriku)
Prefecture	Fukui
Government	

The Asakura maintained good relations with the Ashikaga shogunate, and thus eventually came into conflict with Oda Nobunaga. Following Nobunaga's capture of Kyoto, Shōgun Ashikaga Yoshiaki appointed Asakura Yoshikage as regent and requested aid in driving Nobunaga out of the capital.[5] As a result, Nobunaga launched an invasion of Echizen Province. Due to Yoshikage's lack of military skill, Nobunaga's forces were successful at the Siege of Kanegasaki and subsequent Battle of Anegawa in 1570, leaving the entire Asakura Domain open to invasion.[2][6][7]

Ichijōdani was razed to the ground by Nobunaga during the 1573 Siege of Ichijōdani Castle.[8]

Kitanosho Castle is known, though that it was built by Shibata Katsuie in 1575. Also, it appears that the *tenshu* (keep) was nine stories high, making it the largest of the time.

Asakura Yoshikage

Ichijōdani Asakura Family Historic Ruins

Shibata Katsuie

Kitanosho Castle (Sibata Jinja)

Edo Period [edit source]

Castle town and centre of Fukui Domain during the Edo period Tokugawa shogunate. Fukui Domain played a key role in the Meiji restoration. The modern city of Fukui was founded with the creation of the modern municipalities system on April 1, 1889.

Yūki Hideyasu

Fukui Castle

Meiji & Taisho Period [edit source]

During the pre-war period, Fukui grew to become an important industrial and railroad centre. Factories in the area produced aircraft parts, electrical equipment, machine motors, various metal products and textiles.

Fukui was largely destroyed on June 19, 1945 during the Bombing of Fukui during World War II. Of the city's 1.9 Sq. Miles at the time, 84.8% of Fukui was destroyed, per the United States Army Air Forces's Strategic Bombing Survey (Pacific War)

Fukui District Court

Fukui City Water Service Memorial

Fukui Prefectural Office Building (1923)

Modern Fukui [edit source]

Fukui was again devastated by a major earthquake in 1948.

On February 1, 2006, the town of Miyama (from Asuwa District), the town of Shimizu, and the village of Koshino (both from Nyū District) were merged into Fukui.

Fukui's city status was designated a core city on April 1, 2019.[9]

Geography [edit source]

Fukui is located in the coastal plain in north-central part of the prefecture. It is bordered by the Sea of Japan to the west and the Ryōhaku Mountains to the east. The Kuzuryū River flows through the city.

Climate [edit source]

Fukui has a humid subtropical climate (Köppen climate classification *Cfa*) with hot, humid summers and cool winters. Precipitation is high throughout the year, and is especially heavy in December and January.

Climate data for Fukui (1991−2020 normals, extremes 1897−present) [hide]

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	19.9 (67.8)	21.8 (71.2)	26.2 (79.2)	32.0 (89.6)	34.5 (94.1)	36.4 (97.5)	38.6 (101.5)	38.5 (101.3)	37.7 (99.9)	32.3 (90.1)	27.5 (81.5)	24.6 (76.3)	38.6 (101.5)
Average high °C (°F)	6.7 (44.1)	7.8 (46.0)	12.2 (54.0)	18.3 (64.9)	23.3 (73.9)	26.5 (79.7)	30.4 (86.7)	32.2 (90.0)	27.7 (81.9)	22.1 (71.8)	16.0 (60.8)	9.8 (49.6)	19.4 (66.9)
Daily mean °C (°F)	3.2 (37.8)	3.7 (38.7)	7.2 (45.0)	12.8 (55.0)	18.1 (64.6)	22.0 (71.6)	26.1 (79.0)	27.4 (81.3)	23.1 (73.6)	17.1 (62.8)	11.3 (52.3)	5.9 (42.6)	14.8 (58.6)
Average low °C (°F)	0.5 (32.9)	0.3 (32.5)	2.8 (37.0)	7.8 (46.0)	13.4 (56.1)	18.2 (64.8)	22.7 (72.9)	23.7 (74.7)	19.4 (66.9)	13.1 (55.6)	7.3 (45.1)	2.7 (36.9)	11.0 (51.8)
Record low °C (°F)	−15.1 (4.8)	−14.3 (6.3)	−9.9 (14.2)	−2.6 (27.3)	1.3 (34.3)	7.3 (45.1)	12.8 (55.0)	13.4 (56.1)	7.7 (45.9)	0.5 (32.9)	−1.5 (29.3)	−11.2 (11.8)	−15.1 (4.8)
Average precipitation mm (inches)	284.9 (11.22)	167.7 (6.60)	160.7 (6.33)	137.2 (5.40)	139.1 (5.48)	152.8 (6.02)	239.8 (9.44)	150.7 (5.93)	212.9 (8.38)	153.8 (6.06)	196.1 (7.72)	304.0 (11.97)	2,299.6 (90.54)
Average snowfall cm (inches)	85 (33)	58 (23)	14 (5.5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	31 (12)	186 (73)
Average precipitation days (≥ 0.5 mm)	24.3	20.0	17.4	13.3	12.0	11.9	13.5	9.9	12.4	13.4	17.5	23.5	189.2
Average relative humidity (%)	82	78	71	68	68	74	76	73	76	76	78	81	75
Mean monthly sunshine hours	65.4	88.4	136.3	172.3	191.1	146.8	155.4	205.7	151.2	154.4	114.4	72.2	1,653.7

• - Mayor	Shin'ichi Higashimura
Area	
• Total	536.41 km^2 (207.11 sq mi)
Population (July 1, 2017)	
• Total	264,217
• Density	490/km^2 (1,300/sq mi)
Time zone	UTC+9 (Japan Standard Time)
City symbols	
-Tree	Pine
-Flower	Hydrangea
Phone number	0776-20-5111
Address	3-10-1 Ōte, Fukui-shi, Fukui-ken 910-8511
Website	www.city.fukui.lg.jp

Source: Japan Meteorological Agency[10]

Cityscape [edit source]

Fukui Station（2018）

Downtown of FukuiCity（2018）

FukuiCity Aerial（2014）

Skyline of FukuiCity（2013）

Demographics [edit source]

Per Japanese census data, the population of Fukui has remained relatively steady over the past 40 years.

Census data

Year	Pop.	±%
1873	39,784	—
1970	231,901	+482.9%
1980	259,638	+12.0%
1990	270,911	+4.3%
2000	269,557	−0.5%
2010	266,796	−1.0%

Source: Fukui population statistics, Japanese Imperial Commission [1] (1873)

Neighbouring municipalities [edit source]

Fukui Prefecture

- Sakai
- Ōno
- Katsuyama
- Sabae
- Ikeda
- Eiheiji
- Echizen (town)

Government [edit source]

Fukui has a mayor-council form of government with a directly elected mayor and a unicameral city legislature of 32 members. The city also contributes 12 members to the Fukui Prefectural Assembly. In terms of national politics, Fukui forms part of Fukui 1st district, a single-member constituency of the House of Representatives in the national Diet of Japan.

Fukui City Hall

Economy [edit source]

The economy of Fukui is mixed. The city is a regional commercial and finance centre; however, manufacturing, agriculture and commercial fishing also are contributors to the local economy.

Primary sector of the economy [edit source]

Agriculture [edit source]

Japan Agricultural Cooperatives (JA)

- Fukui Prefecture Agricultural Cooperatives（JA FukuiPrefecture）

Fukui Prefecture Agricultural Cooperatives

Fishing industry [edit source]

Japan Fisheries cooperative (JF)

- FukuiCity Fisheries cooperative（JF FukuiCity）

Secondary sector of industry [edit source]

Manufacturing industry [edit source]

Fukui is home to several companies, including:

- Matsuura Machinery, an international heavy machinery manufacturing company[11]
- Morinaga Hokuriku Dairy, a dairy products subsidiary of Morinaga Milk Industry
- Kumagai Gumi, a large general construction company, was founded and has its registered head office in the city.[12]

Fisheries Cooperative Association of FukuiCity

Tertiary sector of industry [edit source]

Service industry [edit source]

- Emori Shoji, a trading house with strong ties to China
- Keifuku Bus

Education [edit source]

Universities and colleges [edit source]

- Fukui Prefectural University
- University of Fukui
- Fukui University of Technology
- Jin-ai Women's College
- Fukui College of Health Sciences

University of Fukui

Secondary schools [edit source]

See also: List of high schools in Fukui Prefecture

- Fujishima Senior High School
- Koshi Senior High School
- Fukui Commercial Senior High School
- Usui Senior High School
- Asuwa Senior High School
- Michimori Senior High School
- Kagaku-Gijutsu Senior High School
- Fukui Norin Senior High School
- Hokuriku Senior High School
- Fukui University of Technology - Fukui Senior High School
- Jin-ai Girl's Senior High School
- Keishin Senior High School
- Fukui Minami Senior High School

Other schools [edit source]

- Fukui Prefectural School for the Blind
- Fukui Prefectural School for the Deaf
- A North Korean school: Hokuriku Korean Elementary and Junior High School (北陸朝鮮初中級学校).[13]

Transport [edit source]

Railway [edit source]

West Japan Railway Company (JR West)

- Hokuriku Shinkansen: (under construction)
- Hokuriku Main Line: Echizen-Hanandō - (Minami-Fukui Freight Terminal) - Fukui - Morita
- Etsumi-Hoku Line (Kuzuryū Line): Echizen-Hanandō - Rokujō - Asuwa - Echizen-Tōgō - Ichijōdani - Echizen-Takada - Ichinami - Kowashōzu - Miyama - Echizen-Yakushi - Echizen-Ōmiya - Hakariishi

Fukui Station

Fukui Railway

- Fukubu Line: Sanjūhassha - Taichō no Sato - Asōzu - Harmony Hall - Seimei - Ebata - Bell-mae - Hanandō - Sekijūjimae - Shokokaigisho-mae - Asuwayama-Koenguchi - Fukui Castle Ruins-daimyomachi - Jin'ai Joshikōkō - Tawaramachi

Fukui Railway Fukubu Line

Echizen Railway

- Mikuni Awara: Fukui - Shin-Fukui - Fukuiguchi - Matsumoto Machiya - Nishi-Betsuin - Tawaramachi - Fukudaimae-Nishi-Fukui - Nikkakagaku-Mae - Yatsushima - Nittazuka - Nakatsuno - *Jin'ai Ground-Mae* - Washizuka-Haribara
- Katsuyama Eiheiji Line: Fukui - Shin-Fukui - Fukuiguchi - Echizen-Kaihotsu - Echizen-Shinbo - Oiwakeguchi - Higashi-Fujishima - Echizen-Shimabashi

Roads [edit source]

Highway [edit source]

- E8 Hokuriku Expressway

Japan National Route [edit source]

- National Route 8
- National Route 158
- National Route 305
- National Route 364
- National Route 416

Fukui-kita IC (Hokuriku Expressway)

Sea Port [edit source]

- Port of Takasu

Port of Takasu

Visitor attractions [edit source]

- Ichijōdani Asakura Family Historic Ruins, one of the most important cultural heritage sites in Japan
- Yōkōkan Garden
- Fukui Castle
- Fukui Fine Arts Museum
- Kitanosho Castle
- Asuwa River
- Harmony Hall Fukui
- Fukui International Activities Plaza
- "Yoroppaken", creator of Fukui's trademark dish, sauce *katsudon* (ソースカツ丼)
- Peace Pagoda, the second of its kind in the world, inaugurated in 1959

Ichijōdani Asakura Family Historic Ruins

Yōkōkan Garden

The Yōkōkan Kantei

Fukui Castle

Fukui District Court

Fukui International Activities Plaza

Harmony Hall Fukui

Koshino beach

Culture [edit source]

Sports [edit source]

Baseball [edit source]

- Fukui Wild Raptors（BC.League）

Handball [edit source]

- Hokuriku Electric Power Company Blue Thunder（JHL）

Soccer [edit source]

- Fukui United FC（Hokushinetsu Football League）

Fukui Phoenix Stadium

Fukui Prefectural Gymnasium

Technoport Fukui Stadium

Fukui Prefectural sports Park (9.98 Stadium)

Fukui Velodrome

Twin towns – sister cities [edit source]

See also: List of twin towns and sister cities in Japan

Fukui is twinned with:[14]

- Fullerton, United States (1989)
- Hangzhou, China (1989)
- Kumamoto, Japan
- New Brunswick, United States (1982)

Friendship cities [edit source]

- Nagano, Japan
- Suwon, South Korea (2001)
- Yūki, Japan

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